

orientation wherein fluid is permitted to flow through the fluid passage of the ball valve and within the pipe;

a lever having a first end, a second end and an intermediate extent therebetween, the first end being pivotally interconnected to the ball valve, the lever functioning to bring the ball valve from the first to the second orientation.

6. The ball valve assembly as described in claim 5 wherein:

the second end of the length of pipe being bent at a 45 degree angle relative to the intermediate extent of the pipe; and

the ball valve is positioned intermediate the first end of the pipe and the flange.

7. The ball valve assembly as described in claim 5 wherein:

the second end of the lever being positioned proximate to the second end of the pipe, and the intermediate extent of the lever being pivotally connected to the intermediate extent of the pipe, thus the lever enables a user to control the orientation of the ball valve from outside the enclosure.

#### REMARKS

The amendment hereinabove is being filed in association with a reissue application to round out the patent coverage to which applicant is entitled.

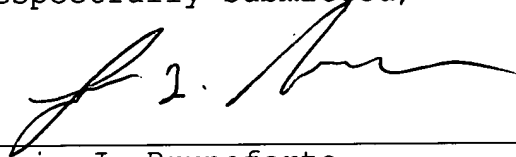
Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that direct contact with Applicant's attorney would expedite the process and execution of

this case, he is hereby authorized to call the undersigned  
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Favorable action and a Notice of Allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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